

**Listing of Claims:**

[Amendments shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).]

1. (Currently amended) Particle board comprising:  
a lower and an upper surface layer having a finer fraction of particles, and  
between these surface layers an intermediate layer having a coarser fraction  
of particles said intermediate layer has having a varying density,  
wherein said intermediate layer has a higher density in areas where the  
particle board is intended for fastening to another object,  
wherein said intermediate layer has at least one stranded part formed from  
particles and having a higher density than at least one other surrounding part  
of said intermediate layer.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claims 1, wherein at least  
one edge of the particle board coincides with a part of said intermediate layer  
having a higher density than another part of said intermediate layer.
5. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claim 31, wherein said at  
least one stranded part formed from particles and having a higher density than  
other surrounding parts is situated at a distance from and between two edge  
parts of said intermediate layer.
- 6-10. (Cancelled)